

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a hand-held voice recognition peripheral device (VRPD) in electronic communication
with and releasibly attached to a personal digital assistant (PDA) that executes a
program;
wherein the VRPD receives a first data element from the program and a voice command
provided by a user;
wherein the VRPD processes the first data element into an audible prompt; and
wherein the VRPD processes the voice command into a second data element using a
voice recognition algorithm and transfers the second data element to the program.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the program intercepts a prompt from an
application that is executing on the PDA and converts the prompt into the first data
element.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the program converts the second data
element into an input into the application.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the voice recognition algorithm comprises a
continuous speech algorithm.
5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the voice recognition algorithm
uses a user uploaded set of data to process[es] the voice command into the second data
element.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the application is selected from the group
consisting of a calendar application, an address book application, and a memo
application.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the audible prompt includes a selection-prompt to the user to select at least one of the applications.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the audible prompt includes a request-prompt that requests an application-input for at least one of the applications.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the electronic communication is performed at least in part via a RS232 interface.
10. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a hand-held voice recognition peripheral device (VRPD) in electronic communication with and releasibly attached to a personal digital assistant (PDA), wherein the VRPD processes a user voice into a digital data element using a voice recognition algorithm, and wherein the digital data element is transferred to the PDA.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the voice recognition algorithm comprises a continuous speech algorithm.
12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the voice recognition algorithm comprises a discrete speech algorithm.
13. (Currently amended) A method of operating an electronic device comprising:
providing a hand-held voice recognition peripheral device (VRPD) and a personal digital assistant (PDA) executing a program;
releasibly attaching the VRPD to the PDA thereby providing electronic communication between the VRPD and the PDA;
wherein the VRPD receives a first data element from the program and a voice command provided by a user;
wherein the VRPD processes the first data element into an audible prompt; and
wherein the VRPD processes the voice command into a second data element using a voice recognition algorithm and transfers the second data element to the program.

14. (Original) The method of operating an electronic device of claim 13, wherein the program intercepts a prompt from an application that is executing on the PDA and converts the prompt into the first data element.
15. (Original) The method of operating an electronic device of claim 14, wherein the program converts the second data element into an input into the application.
16. (Original) The method of operating an electronic device of claim 15, wherein the voice recognition algorithm comprises a continuous speech algorithm.
17. (Currently amended) A method of operating an electronic device comprising:
providing a hand-held voice recognition peripheral device (VRPD) and a personal digital assistant (PDA);
releasibly attaching the VRPD to the PDA thereby providing electronic communication between the VRPD and the PDA;
processing a user voice into a digital data element using a voice recognition algorithm provided by the VRPD; and
transferring the digital data element from the VRPD to the PDA via an electronic interface.
18. (Currently amended) The method of claim [18] 17 wherein the interface comprises an RS232 interface.